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1. The MOSCOW (37°32'E/55°47'N) Central Airport had many hangars and two runways. The following aircraft were observed there:

a. Five six-engine bombers,* twin-engine Douglas aircraft, and sometimes more than a hundred transport aircraft and twin-engine bombers similar to the German Do-217.**

b. One plane with a blunt nose and wings with tips rounded off at the trailing edge. A small plane was suspended from the fuselage. ***

c. A large plane which climbed at a steep angle, emitting a thick plume of black smoke. The plane had a great initial speed. \emptyset

2. A novel type of aircraft, which could fly very slowly and could turn on the spot. The propeller was at the rear and the tail assembly in front, and the wings were in dihedral, so that it seemed as though the plane moved backward. $\emptyset\emptyset$

 Comment: The data contained in this report is incomplete.

* The six-engine aircraft, if not four-engine planes, which seems more probable, may have been captured German planes of type Me-323.

** The twin-engine bombers similar to the Do-217 cannot be identified; they may have been either lend-lease aircraft or Soviet types like the Pe-2 or Tu-2.

*** Cannot be identified. Presumably a German He-111, which was

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used for carrying small planes and for demonstrations with a suspended V-1 or remote-controlled glider bomb.

Believed to describe a jet-assisted take-off.

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Probably a canard-type airplane.



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